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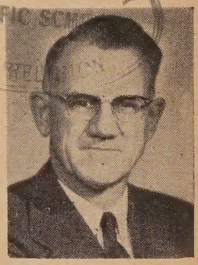


Dare we make the statement that it is impossible for the true Christian to go through Lent without his heart overflowing with love? Not a superficial kind of love, but one that is outreaching, all embracing and discovering—"discovering" in the sense that all about us are people and causes that need and long for our love and understanding.

Not long ago I read the story of a little boy sitting on the curb crying as though his heart would break. It seemed impossible that in five years any little fellow could be as full of woe as he was. He wasn't hurt or lost. His playmates were just around the corner. He could hear them laughing and shouting as they played. That game they were playing was the cause of his grief. The play was at its height, but without him. Somehow he had been forgotten. It was just more than he could stand.

It is not a far cry from the weeping boy on the curb to countless men and women who go through periods of sadness, sometimes becoming bitter, because they feel they have been overlooked—forgotten, even by God. We would often be justified in saying that it is "self pity," but it is surely an opportunity for us to go that second, third and fourth mile of love—to make them feel wanted.

Over the chancel in Central Union Church, Honolulu, are the words: "Love Never Faileth." Dr. Albert W. Palmer, the pastor of the church, chose those words after much thought. It was my privilege to see this inscription this winter and in that interracial and international setting I could not imagine three more appropriate and powerful words. "Love Never Faileth."

The love of God for us, to us and through us is at the center of our religion. It is not a love given as a reward but one that meets us on the way and cares for us in every difficult situation—a love that we are able to transfer to those with whom we serve or have fellowship.

The whole teaching of Jesus Christ sets forth the love and goodness of God. By obedience to Him our hearts are filled with love—we love Him with our entire being and as a disciple we should love people that way. It takes practice to love as God loves, but yielding our hearts to Him we discover day by day what is really required of us as Christians.

The second verse of a prayer hymn by Dr. R. B. Y. Scott seems appropriate as we seek to serve God through an outpouring of our love:

"O God of Love, show us Thy love
Forever seeking all mankind,
In eager questing of Thy heart
To win and bless and heal and bind;
May Thy rich mercy help us love
Our neighbor as we honor Thee,
And seek his good as 'twere our own
In glad and deep fraternity."

NEW CAMPUS MINISTRY

Pilgrim Foundation Board of Directors Meet Each Month.

Working quietly behind the scenes of the College program for our students at the University of Washington is a Board of Directors. This Board is directly responsible to the three groups that financially support our Campus Ministry, namely: University Church, the Conference and the Board of Home Missions. This Board, composed of nine elected members of University Church, three elected by the Conference and a student from Pilgrim Club, meets each month with the Campus Pastor to counsel him and give direction to the program under his guidance.

During the past month the Board met for the first time with Mineo Katagiri, University Church's new Associate Minister in charge of Campus work, and discussed with him the possible ways for the program to be developed during the months ahead.

The Campus work at the University of Washington is an integral part of University Church's ministry to the college young person during his days on the Campus. At the present time the most active segments of this program include the Sunday evening Pilgrim Club group, the week night study groups, and the Sunday morning Church School class led by Dr. George N. Aagaard, Dean of the University of Washington Medical School.

All churches are urged to keep th ministers of University Church an all of our College churches alerted t young people from their churches g ing to school at the various Highe Education Institutions. The Colleg Church cannot minister to young pe ple that it does not know are on th College Campus. (Please: Corre name and address.)

The Conference and Board of Hom Missions share of the financial sup port for the work carried out for u by University Church is a part of Ou Christian World Mission.

Church School Sessions for college student are held each week under Dr. Georg Aagaard's leadership.

Ministers And Social Security

By voluntarily filing a waiver certificate, ministers became eligible for ocial Security benefits in 1955. The ertificate waived their exemption rom the Social Security tax. Many of ur ministers failed to file this waiver efore the deadline date, which was pril 15, 1957, which, of course, akes them ineligible for any benets under the Social Security Act.

Now, the government has generous- extended the date of filing the aiver to April 15, 1959. Our suggesion would be that any minister who as not already done so would be well dvised to look into the matter and ake himself eligible at the earliest ossible date. Three major causes of ss of income are covered by the Soal Security Act, i. e., retirement, sability, and death. Of course, the ocial Security tax will have to be aid by the minister himself.

The recent amendment to the law rovides that a minister must include ie rental value of the parsonage furished as part of his compensation, or ie rental allowance paid to him in mputing his net earnings for Soal Security purposes. These items re not included in computing taxable come for income tax purposes. hose desiring more detailed informaon may get it at the nearest Social ecurity office.

59 Ministers' Retreat

The 1959 All Conference Post-Easter inisters' Retreat is planned for April 8, 9, Tuesday supper through Thursday luncheon, the second week after Easter, at Pilgrim Firs. Leaders are Charles F. Whiston, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, with five sessions on Prayer and Worship, and Dr. Felix H. Zaffiro, of our Conference fellowship, who will address two periods on Psychotherapy, Counling and the Pastorate.

Charles F. Whiston

Fifty ministers attended the '58 Reeat. An even larger response is anipated for '59 ,and with lessons learned from the '58 experience the committee hopes for not only a bigger, but also a better retreat.

Laymen take note: Churches are cordially invited to pay their minister's travel expenses. Many churches so responded a year ago. Costs for the six meals, $6.50.

Pre-Retreat Meeting

New Curriculum? Training of Workers? Two major questions we must face during the next four years. What will be the answers? How will we do it?

The Conference Christian Education Committee will face them squarely, with all ministers who come as their guests for the 24-hour Pre-Retreat session, beginning on Monday, (April 6) with dinner and closing after lunch on Tuesday (April 7), at Pilgrim Firs.

Beginning with the fall of 1960 and continuing through the fall of '64, the new United Church Curriculum will replace the current Pilgrim Series. The schedule for the curriculum introduction is: Nursery—Fall of '60; Two-Year Kindergarten—Fall of '61 and '62; the remainder of the two-year cycle—Fall of '63 and '64.

It is hoped that many of our ministers will take advantage of this twenty-four hour session devoted to the discussion of curriculum.

(The C. E. Committee will care for cost of room and board.)

Reading Adventures

Four more churches have launched their Adventures in Reading programs. Are you in your church participating? Although Adventures in Reading is sponsored by the Women's Fellowship it is something that all, men and women, or young and old, may enjoy sharing.

The books suggested on the Adventures in Reading lists represent a wide variety of subject matter, ranging from light reading to scholarly.

If your group would like further information concerning this program, please write to the Women's Fellowship Christian Education Chairman at 524 North Dunham, Arlington, Washington.

Women's Camp: A Truly Great Experience

1958 Women's Camp at N-Sid-Sen

East Side — West Side — from all around the Conference women will be coming to Women's Camp. This year it is to be at Pilgrim Firs from July 6 to July 13. Thelma Fankhauser, of Everett, is to be the Dean, and her Camp Committee are Edie Davenport from Prospect, Seattle, and Carman Hagman from Metaline Falls.

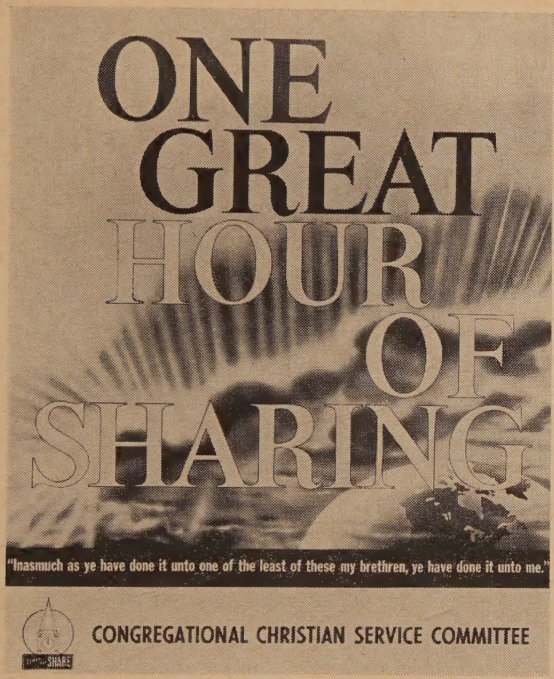
There will be a special bus leaving Spokane Monday morning, July 6, being routed through Ritzville, Pasco, and Yakima to pick up passengers. For the Seattle area women there will be a bus leaving the Conference Home around 1:00 P. M.

Mrs. Page (Pat) Ballard, of Seattle's Plymouth Church, will give a class on the history and development of the Bible. Not only has Pat been an outstanding Bible teacher in her church, but she has also conducted classes and seminars for the University of Washington Arboretum and many nature study groups on native plants and bird life. She has carried over her keen research methods into the field of Biblical background history.

There will be classes, too, on th six different areas of work, but in ad dition to all this learning progra there is plenty of time for fun an relaxation. Camping is not just a experience for the youngsters—it truly a great experience for the wo men of our Conference too. Friend ships and fellowships developed ther are a very enriching experience, no only to the camper personally, but i what she brings back to her church Churches who have had several camp ers go feel that there is a tremendou growth in the vitality of the women work in the church. We hope tha each church in our Washington-Idah Conference will urge one or more o their women to go.

Camp brochures will be sent out t all churches within the next month o so and will also be sent to all pres dents of Women's Fellowships. W hope that each one of you will mak it a personal effort to interest th women in your church in going t Women's Camp — "A Truly Grea Experience."

Another "Great Hour" Coming


ONE
GREAT
HOUR
OF
SHARING
"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE

Again this month comes the "Great Hour" of concerted sharing Christians of all churches with the needy, the homeless, the sick l suffering millions around the world.

Though some churches may choose another day, March 8 has n designated by united Protestantism in America for "One Great ur of Sharing". The particular channel through which we give our Congregational Christian Service Committee which on our alf ministers in many far away places and in many ways.

By the time this is read ministers will have received packets taining sample leaflets, offering envelopes and boxes, posters l other materials by which to make known this need and op- tunity.

"The Long Stride" film is available for postage only from the dio-Visual Center in Seattle (1205 N. 45th). The filmstrips kiles In The Holy Land" and "Travelin' Man" are available from Conference office. Order these early for we have only one copy ach. Printed materials and offering envelopes are to be ordered n the nearest Missions Council office, which for us is Room Flood Building, 870 Market Street, San Francisco 2, California. nstrips may also be purchased from the Missions Council for 50 each.

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

Ferndale

Mortgage Burning Ceremony

Dr. C. R. Veirs Applies Match to Church Mortgage Papers.

Sunday afternoon, January 11, was a gala occasion in the United Church of Ferndale for on that afternoon the official burning of the mortgage on the Church's Education Building was held. Special guests for the occasion were Dr. Harold Bashor, District Superintendent of the Methodist Church, Dr. and Mrs. Archie H. Hook, the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Martynse, pastor at the time the Education Building was erected in Ferndale.

Pictured above we have Dr. C. R. Veirs, chairman of the building committee applying the match to the mortgage as the church's minister Robert Irwin (left) looks on with Mr. A. P. Lord. The United Church of Ferndale is a federation of the Methodist and Congregational Churches.

Arlington

Church Family Christian Education

The Arlington Church recently completed a group study of the Sermon on the Mount, in a series of three Sunday evening meetings (6:00-7:30) with an average attendance of 85. Hosts from the various organizati of the Church: Deacons, Teachers Choir, were asked to provide sa wiches and cookies and invite frie to sit at their tables for supper. A group singing, special music, var skits, dialogues, and the like from young people, the portion from Sermon on the Mount for conside tion that evening was read. E table then, using R.S.V. paper bo copies of the sermon as a gr looked for their favorite verse, most difficult to keep, and one n needed for our day. Discussion tinued and reports were heard f each table.

Seattle, Fauntleroy

$100,000 Budget Adopted

Fauntleroy Church passed ano milestone in its history as it bec the fourth church of our Confer to adopt a $100,000 budget for 1 In this action Fauntleroy joins S tle, Plymouth and University and S kane, Westminster. All of these b gets are in addition to any cur building fund.

attle, Prospect

A Real Mid-East Dinner

ravan Leaders assemble before Mid-East ner.

The members and friends of the ospect Church Pilgrim Fellowship re given a real treat this past nth as they shared in a real Mid-st Dinner. The occasion was com-te with appropriate table decora-ns, the organization of everybody o caravans as they came into the ing room, the presentation of in-esting facts about the Mid-East d the showing of the film "Mid-st Profile." Attendance for the din-r was almost 100 and from the ngest to the oldest a gala evening s enjoyed by all. (P.S.: The real d-East food was **not** the high point the evening.)

n Davenport and Jim Ogilvey tell about d-East.

thlamet

Lenten Series

"The Voice of God as Heard in thlamet" is the theme of the spe-l Lenten Preaching Series in Cath-net. The Rev. E. T. Eberhart re-ts that the idea grew out of his servation of the murder trial that s held in Cathlamet last fall. The ies is designed to consider the nts of our day in the same way t the Biblical characters considered important events of their day—to en to them and hear what we can life. It is based on the assumption that God is not dead; and that a vital faith today must include a faith in the experiences that we have in our living, and that their own messages are relevant to our times and culture.

The themes for the eight Sundays are:

The Voice of God as Heard in Cathlamet
—in a P. U. D., Commissioners' meeting.
—in a Changing Logging Camp.
—in a Murder Trial.
—in a Minister's Study
—from the Students' Opinion of a Youth Center.
—by an Open Grave.
—in the Historical Museum.

Pasco

Double Services Begin

The upper level portion of the Christian Education unit of the Pasco Congregational Church was occupied by Church School classes for the first time Sunday, January 25. On the basis of the new addition being finished, double church services started February 8. The new schedule is as follows: Church School classes and Church Services at 9:30 A.M. and Church Services at 11 A.M. A Coffee Hour will be held at 10:30 to encourage the congregations from the two services to have fellowship together. All of the final finishing work was done by the men of the church under the general direction of I. I. Grigg, chairman of the Church Building Council. The men of the church were organized by crews and worked regularly each week. This accomplishment represents another milestone for the Pasco Church.

Spokane, Lincoln Heights

Pilgrim Hymnals Wanted

"Have you received notice that any church, having acquired the new Pilgrim Hymnal, wants to dispose of used copies of the old? We are desperately short. We use the youth hymnal along with the old Pilgrim Hymnal, but this limits me to what few hymns are in the little red book. If the Congregational Way wants to help churches in this matter, Lincoln Heights would appreciate it." — Jim Montgomery.

Please contact Jim directly if you can answer his S. O. S.

CLERGYMEN ARE CITIZENS, TOO!

There are some misconceptions abroad about clergymen and about w they should or should not do about civic issues, like the pin-ball machine is These misconceptions resolve around three ideas, all of which are wrong.

First is the notion that a clergyman is supposed to "save souls", and t is his only responsibility. Those who hold this narrow idea of a clergym place in society frankly tell us whenever we do anything about politica social matters that we ought to "mind our own business", that is, "sa souls". The history of the last two thousand years should remind such pe that theirs is an unrealistic view of the clergy's role in western civilizatio

From the days of gladiatorial fighting in ancient Rome to these day more complex social evils, clergymen of every church have preached agai and actively worked to rid the world of slavery, disease, poverty, tyra exploitation, and breaches of the public trust. Like the prophets of Israel Jesus Christ, devout clergymen see little compassion in helping a man to s his soul for an unseen world to come, if at the same time nothing is don help him on his way toward abundant life now in this world, insofar as i possible.

Second is the false conception that clergymen should never enter i anything "controversial". People who hold this opinion live in the sentime belief that all controversary is bad, and that good people (most of all cler men) need never become involved in public debates, movements for reform "worldly" conflicts. Such people are really "too good for this world", seem untouched at the heart by the memory of crosses borne and lives down so that they can live in freedom—a freedom for which they seem willing to make very much personal sacrifice. But they cannot impose t delusions upon their clergymen who stand in the tradition, Amos, Jesus, Vincent De Paul and Walter Rauschenbush. Clergymen have enough trou without going out and looking for it, but whenever they are confronted w social or political corruption which they feel requires them to act, controve and the fear of controversy will not prevent them from doing their duty man and God.

Third is the mistaken argument that the American tradition of separat of Church and State requires a clergyman to be indifferent to the politi and social conditions around him. Now, all clergymen, like lawyers, docto teachers, and shoemakers are citizens of their town, state and nation. L everyone else, they enjoy the same rights to vote, to join a political party, a to hold public office—not in the name of their churches, of course, but independent, responsible citizens.

Clergymen have done, are doing, and will continue to do all of th things. The American tradition is separation of CHURCH and State—not separation of clergymen from their inalienable rights as free, articulate, a spiritually minded citizens, to whom the people justly look for forthright, biased, and unpurchasable leadership, whenever it is demanded in the affa of THIS WORLD!

—From FIRST CHURCH NEWS, of First Congregatio Church, Tacoma, A. Vaughan Abercrombie, Past

national Dinner In Pasco

awfords were a highlight of the dinner

event of unusual interest took in January in the First Congre- hal Church of Pasco. It occured g the hours of 2 and 5 P.M., ay, January 25. It was an Inter- hal Dinner which was open to eneral public as well as to the ers and friends of the church. 460 reservations were made for inner. The fellowship hall of the h and the tables were decorated pictures and articles from vari- oreign lands. Also, a table was p which displayed the current nary theme. Special foods from ent countries were served. En- nment and music from coun- around the world was presented lf-hour intervals. Pictured above talented Loren Crawford fam- o played Hungarian music as a of the afternoon's program. The Paul D. Sutley, minister, stated 'the interest and fellowship cre- by this event was truly amaz- The International Dinner is to e an annual event in the life Pasco Church.

NATIONAL MODERATOR COMING

Dr. Ray E. Phillips of South Africa will be one of the highlights of our program on May 5, 6, and 7, when the Annual Meeting of our Conference is held in Tacoma. Dr. Phillips is the first active missionary to be elected Moderator of our General Council. During forty years of distinguished service he established and directed the Hofmeyr School of Social Work in Johannesburg, and also founded the Bantu Men's Social Center in which a great pioneering social work has been done. He is now retiring from active service and is speaking throughout the nation.

Dr. Phillips will address the Conference four times during his three days here. One of his addresses, on "Some Perplexities of a Missionary Moderator", will be the general basis of a series of round-table discussion groups covering a wide variety of topics that are both timely and trenchant.

To provide more time for business as well as ample time for the rest of a vital progrom, the Annual Meeting will begin Tuesday morning instead of in the afternoon. If your church has not yet selected a full delegation to attend, be sure to do so this month.

Calling West Side Ministers' Wives

An all day retreat experience is planned for the West Side Ministers' wives on Friday, March 6th, from 10:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M., at the Conference Home, reports Mrs. George (Emily) Snyder of Green Lake, and Mrs. Gordon (Connie) King of Prospect, Co-Chairmen. This meeting is an outgrowth of an earlier gathering of the wives and will have as its theme "The Privilege and Responsibilities of the Minister's Wife."

The morning speakers on the subject will be Mrs. Charles Williams, West Seattle, and Mrs. Paul Pruitt, Everett. The afternoon panel will be chaired by Mrs. Archie H. Hook, and will consist of Mesdames Martin Gos- in, Ernest Yarrow, Herbert Bauck and Dale Turner. Mrs. Jackson Smith will be in charge of the devotional periods.

Child care will be provided at Prospect Church. Luncheon will be a sack lunch. Further information can be secured from Mrs. Snyder or Mrs. King.

New Leaders of Councils of Churches

The Reverend Ralph Turnidge has been appointed Acting General Secretary of the Washington-Northern Idaho Council of Churches for the year 1959. Also appointed to the staff as Administrative Assistant and Director of the Council's Department of United Church Women was Mrs. Norma Duncan. Both of these appointees were formerly on the staff that jointly served the Greater Seattle and the Washington - Northern Idaho Council of Churches. These two organizations separated on last December 1st.

Ralph Turnidge

Mr. Turnidge came to the joint staff in August, 1957, from a nine year pastorate of the Church of the Brethren in Bakersfield, California. During the last five years of this pastorate he also served as Executive Secretary of the Greater Bakersfield Council of Churches.

Mrs. Duncan was president of the Congregational Women's Fellowship of Washington and Northern Idaho from 1940 to 1944. In 1951 she was elected moderator of the Washington Congregational Conference, the second of two women who have held this post. She served four years as president of United Church Women of Washington. In 1953 she became part of the joint staff of the Greater Seattle and the Washington-Northern Idaho Councils of Churches with the assignment of Director of the Department of United Church Women for both organizations.

FAMILY CAMPS

N-Sid-Sen

August 8-15

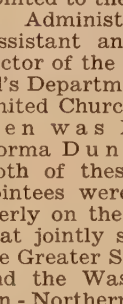
Pilgrim Firs

June 29-July 6

August 24-31

The Rev. Lemuel Petersen, o cago, has been elected executiv retary of the Greater Seattle C of Churches.

Mr. Petersen, who is 39, took January 1, 1 He has been ister of the Park Bap Church in Chi Previously worked in fields of publ lations, fund ing and gener ministration terdenomina and inter-gro ganizations.



Lemuel Petersen

He is a gra of Yale Univ Divinity School and of the U sity of Minnesota. He has studied at Northwestern Univ and the University of Chicago.

From 1947 to 1951 Mr. Pet was director of public relations former International Council o ligious Education. During 195 served on the public relations of the new National Council o Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. in 1951 he became associate tive of the Church Federatio Greater Chicago in general char public relations and fund-ra From 1955 to 1957 he was asso director of the Chicago office National Conference of Chris and Jews.

Fifth Annual Lenten Scho

The West Seattle Congrega Churches are again sponsoring Lenten School at the Faunt Church. The two courses of stud this year are "Questions Jesus A led by the Right Reverend Steph Bayne, Jr., Bishop of the Dioce Olympia of the Episcopal Churc "Great Moments in Church His led by Dr. R. Franklin Thom President of the College of P Sound. The School continues on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o through March 24th. Registratio the six weeks is $2.00.

Valley Social Action Institute

e West Coast Christian Social
n Institute will be held again
ear at The White Memorial Re-
Center, Mill Valley, California,
22-26, 1959. This institute is one
ur across the United States
ored by the National Council of
tian Social Action for members
riends of the Churches of our
nination.

impact of this institute on
who attend is impressive. It
a wonderful introduction of the
ation of Christian principles in
ide field of social concern and
n. Here are reports from two
es who have been present at the
tes.

erhaps one of the most stimu-
g and enlightening experiences
occuring to a lay person was
of mine when I first attended
Mill Valley Social Action Insti-
several years ago. As a result,
en sense of the true meaning
eing a Christian hit me with
significance. Consequently, on
erous occasions I have encour-
folks from my church to at-
This year our church has
d a sum in the budget to in-
that a couple from our church
go to Mill Valley. This item
ars under a new heading called
istian Social Action".

ouise Fritz,
ellevue Congregational Church.

e attended the Mill Valley In-
e in 1958. Although we had
foundation in the Social Ac-
field through study with men
Arthur E. Holt, Samuel Kinch-
and Victor Obenhaus of Chi-
Mill Valley gave us much new
mation and provided a splen-
eview. We came away with a
appreciation of what the
hes can do in this field if only
people will take it upon them-
s to start the lever working
n the local church and com-
y. We are working hard to get
s to attend this year."

Al and Alice Lusk,
Columbia Congregaltonal.

e are six or eight persons plan-
attend already. We hope many
will see this article and put the
alley Institute on their calendar.

Warden Woman In "Who's Who"

The first edition of "Who's Who of American Women" which was recently released was of particular interest to members of the Warden Community Congregational Church. Along with 18,999 other women across the nation was the name of Edna Anne Hall.

Edna Anne Hall

To the minister and members of the Warden Church, Edna Anne Hall is the "right hand" of the music program. Mrs. Hall's husband, Evan Hall, retired from the Milwaukee Railroad as Agricultural Agent about eight years ago, and since then Anne and Evan have given of their time, talent, and interest, in the work of the Community Church.

Along with helping in the Church School, serving on the music committee of the church, playing for the worship services, teaching music pupils, being a homemaker, and doing a score of other things for people and for organizations, Mrs. Hall has still had time to write some of the curriculum materials for a part of the Pilgrim Series, and to finish two books, one published in 1956 and another to be published shortly. "Adventure on Table Mountain" has been well received by young readers, and Mrs. Hall is currently working on her third book.

One of Anne and Evan Hall's great interests is Indian affairs, and especially since Mr. Hall's father was a famous Missionary to the Indians of North Dakota.

As Mrs. Hall said recently, "It was a real honor to be listed in Who's Who of American Women."

No wonder the members of the Warden Community Church were so thrilled to see this very talented and hard working member listed in this first volume of famous women.

Why Not Have A Real Church Election?

At the Annual Meeting this year the Lakeview Congregational Church held their sixth **real** election. A "real" election? That's one where there is a **choice** of candidates for every office. The constitution of the Lakeview church requires the nominating committee to find two people willing to run for each of its 17 elected openings every year.

Small churches too? The Lakeview church has only 110 members with 12 of them "inactive" and 19 more living out of the community. Of course some of the positions may be filled with non-members, but not many.

More are honored by consideration for office. Though there are some who say no, there are more who need to be given confidence that they have the ability and devotion to be nominated. Sometimes the deciding question is, "Why not let the people decide if they think you would be best for the job?" Often if a person does say no to one position he'll counter by saying he wouldn't mind running for some other one. Frequently an easy transfer of names can be made and the nominating committee finds they have an enthusiastic candidate rather than a halfhearted nominee.

Bitter defeat? Oddly enough there are others not being chosen so there is no bitterness about it. There are often one or more nominations from the floor, which is unusual for church meetings, isn't it? But this is possible because Aunt Agatha already has some opposition on the slate and so it isn't a slap in her face when the men's club nominates their "favorite son" too.

New Officers feel wanted and needed. The new leaders of the church can always know that a majority of those voting **wanted** their leadership, for they had a real choice and could have nominated someone else if not satisfied with the slate.

Encourages new leadership. Only two terms in succession are allowed by the constitution, and only one from a family on any board, and only one elected position per member. All of these encourage the nominating committee to keep finding new leadership potential who must be talk to letting their name be print the ballot if they lack experienc confidence. Too many of us churches where the same perso dominated an important position for decades! No one dares run a him, even though everyone know almost any candidate would hands down. In many cases s person is doing more harm for work than good—and still no dates appear in opposition. Ye theoretically possible, but for the presentation of the nomi committee's slate has been ac as the signal that the election is How often have we heard the man's tongue slip and tell the " . . . and finally, Mr. Moderat decided to elect Bertha Smith ou treasurer!" "Elected" even befo people got a chance to say, "Ye churches where one or two fa have many branches they can often do) perpetuate themselves fice year after year! And the of it is that they never feel quite about it themselves! The railro method never assures them tha ple really want them as treasur another year, and they're afra find out. It's a wonderful feeling sure that you're doing what think you do well—even if it's ferent job. Why not try it in church?

Other helpers unearthed also. those who refused to run for el are often happy to "do somethi the church," while those de seem eager to use in some con tive way the time and energy t mentally set aside. Hard com assignments are easier to sell a time. The Lakeview church other chairmanships that ar pointed and confirmed right a Annual meeting.

We feel that more churches be choosing and developing thei leadership through holding rea tions—elections where there **choice.**

Bob Livingston, Mi

The Editor invites your comm

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ith a few exceptions the reports nnual meetings make interesting ing. This interest derives as much n what is omitted as from what corded.

there is a fault which they have ommon it is that all the time is t on review, to the exclusion of pect. They dwell on "This is re we have been" and "This is t we have done,' without so much glance to **"Where do we go from ?"**

ou may recall the story of the ster who reported to the entire regation on a Sunday morning. the year that has just ended," aid, "you will note that we re- d no new members by confession aith, nor did we receive any by sfer of letters. We lost no mem- by death, and we lost none by ng them move away. Praise the l, we are holding our own."

s last contention is simply not for in the church there is no thing as "just holding your own." our church is not going forward falling behind. If it is falling nd, the blame is placed usually he changing nature of the com- ity rather than where it belongs, rely upon the shoulders of the regation. Where there is no vision churches languish and perish. n, backed by hard work, pro- s results.

(J. H. Norenberg,
Wisconsin Superintendent

—from Wisconsin Magazine)

From "Dusty Files"

Editor's Note: One of the current housekeeping jobs being carried out at the Conference Office is the clearing out of old files and consolidation of others. A couple paragraphs from one of these letters from the superintendent shows some of the problems of even the past:

"I remember with a good deal of pleasure the days spent with you and the happy evenings in the church. I think you lined up things wonderfully well there and I hope that the effects of the meeting will not be unfavorable. You have a great group of men there tho' they are anything but a unity and one found it a bit difficult to know just how to approach them.

"Next time the dear women decide to clear the tables after the Speaker is under way it would be a good plan to ask them to eliminate that work until after he is finished. It wasn't half as bad, however, as the bulldog that walked up the aisle in the church at Chewelah the Sunday before and howled while the congregation was singing 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow'."

Pasco

Preaching Mission and Visitation Program

The First Congregational Church of Pasco held its second annual Preaching Mission February 8-11 with the Rev. Donald Lamka, co-minister of the Fauntleroy Congregational Church as the guest leader. The Visitation Program will be February 22, 23, 24, 25, with Dr. Jackson Smith training the visitors and directing the effort.

1959 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

PILGRIM FIRS (Mon. to Mon.)

e 22-29—Jr. High (7th & 8th)
e 29-July 6—Family Camp
y 6-13—Women's Camp
y 13-20—Mid-High (9th & 10th)
y 20-27—Mid-High (9th & 10th)
y 27-Aug. 3—Jr. High (7th & 8th)
g. 3-10—Mid-High (9th & 10th)
g. 10-17—Senior High (11-12)
g. 17-24—Representative Camp
g. 24-31—Family Camp
g. 31-Sept. 4—College Camp

N-SID-SEN (Sat. to Sat.)

July 11-18—Senior High (10-11-12)
July 18-25—Junior High (7th & 8th)
July 25-Aug. 1—Freshman (9th)
Aug. 1-8—Church School Workers
Aug. 8-15—Family Camp

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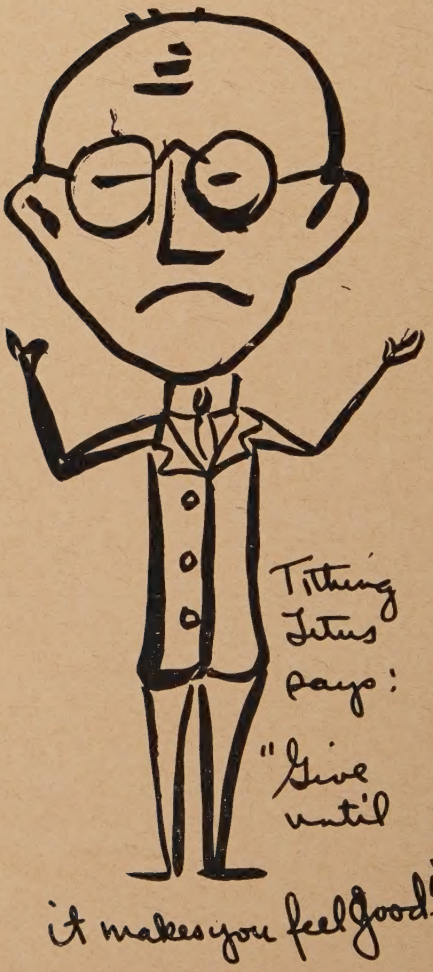

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